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(b) which of them have been allowed to exploit forests at their own cost, and on what conditions;

(c) whether they have been granted any facilities by way of roads and otherwise for carrying out forest exploitation; and

(d) whether the Government have carried out or propose to carry out any scheme of roads and bridges in order to encourage forest exploitation by private agency?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) No company or firm has applied for permission.

(d) Government are prepared to consider any applications which may be received. Meanwhile they are working certain forests experimentally.

### Government Press.

#### *Alleged complaints against the Superintendent, Government Press.*

\* 2282 Q.—Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the cases of Ayyaswami Pillai, accountant, who has been severely punished by the Superintendent, Government Press, and of Krishnaswami Ayyangar, store-keeper, Sadagoparamanujam, time-keeper, and Rangaswami, a mechanic, dealt with by the Superintendent, Government Press, have been examined by Government and with what results?

A.—S. R. Sadagoparamanujam, late time-keeper, and A. Rangaswami, late mechanic, in the Government Press submitted memorials to Government against the orders of the Superintendent, Government Press; the Government examined these cases and decided that the orders of the Superintendent, Government Press, were justified. The other persons mentioned in the question made no representation to the Government.

#### *Grant of leave to employees in the Government Press.*

\* 2283 Q.—Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that if the employees fall sick and apply for leave for a few days only on the strength of medical certificate, the Superintendent, Government Press, treats the employees as being absent, and, if so, why?

A.—The production of a medical certificate does not in itself confer upon a Government servant any right to leave, the grant of which is in the discretion of the Superintendent, Government Press. If an employee absents himself after leave has been refused, the period of absence will be treated as absence from duty.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, if the production of a medical certificate does not confer upon a Government servant any right to leave, what else can?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is clearly stated that the production of a medical certificate does not in itself confer . . ."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"Then what else does, Sir?"